

DECEMBER 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WRITING Pick up a postcard at HPL, decorate the back and give it to Staff who will send it to someone special.	2 PLAYING Make an indoor tent with blankets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favourite books.	3 TALKING Look at photos from previous years and talk about family activities you will do again this year.	4 SINGING Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change the words.	5 COUNTING Visit your Library and count the number of books you borrow.	6 READING Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them. 	7 WRITING Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil to strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.
8 PLAYING Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Which one will you be?	9 TALKING Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today? 	10 SINGING Sing the <i>Frost Song</i> . (Words on back.)	11 COUNTING Count the number of squares on this calendar that say READING.	12 READING Read stories and then talk about them. Ask about favourite parts and characters.	13 WRITING Use words or drawings to create signs for different areas of the house.	14 PLAYING Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.
15 TALKING At mealtimes, talk about the food you made, how you made it and how it tasted.	16 SINGING Recite <i>Three Little Kittens</i> . (Words on back.) 	17 COUNTING Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?	18 READING Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.	19 WRITING Ask each family member to write one thing they liked about this week.	20 PLAYING Go outside and make a snowman or put water in a bottle and freeze it overnight. 	21 TALKING Ask family members to share stories about their day at dinner or bedtime.
22 SINGING Sing <i>Cold and Snowy Morning</i> . (Words on back.)	23 COUNTING Name three things you must wear in Winter. 	24 READING Visit your Library and borrow a variety of books about winter.	25 WRITING With your child, make a book of words and drawings about their interests. 	26 PLAYING Go for a short walk when it's dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?	27 TALKING Talk about favourite events that happened in the past year.	28 SINGING Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee doo, etc.
29 COUNTING Work together to put a stack of children's books in order from largest to smallest.	30 READING Read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.	31 WRITING Write a list of things to do in 2025.				

Your library helps children get ready to read.

- The library has many materials and ideas you can use to talk, sing, read, write, play, and count with your child. It doesn't matter if your child is four days old or four years old, we have books, music, programs, and services to help your child develop language and prereading skills.
- We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn, and programs for all ages.

THE THREE LITTLE KITTENS

The three little kittens, they lost their mittens,
And they began to cry,
"Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear,
That we have lost our mittens."
"You lost your mittens?"
You poor little kittens.
You poor little kittens.
Well, let us have some pie.
Meow, Meow, Meow
Let us have some pie."

THE FROST SONG

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

The frost is in the air.
The frost is in the air.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost is in the air.

The frost tells me it's cold.
The frost tells me it's cold.
It's wintertime, it's wintertime,
The frost tells me it's cold.

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE FROST IS "ON THE ROOF," "ON THE WINDOWS," AND "ON THE GROUND"

COLD AND SNOWY MORNING

Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we put on our mittens	This is the way we shovel the snow
Put on our mittens	Shovel the snow
Put on our mittens	Shovel the snow
This is the way we put on our mittens	This the way we shovel the snow
On a cold and snowy morning	On a cold and snowy morning

This the way we put on our coats	This is the way we build a snowman
Put on our coats	Build a snowman
Put on our coats	Build a snowman
This is the way we put on our coats	This is the way we build a snowman
On a cold and snowy morning	On a cold and snowy morning.

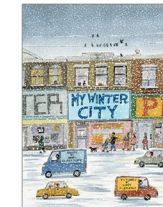
This is way we put on our hats
Put on our hats
Put on our hats
This is the way we put on our hats
On a cold and snowy morning



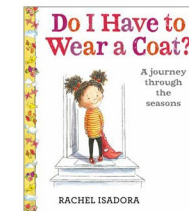
Books to Read this Month



First Snow
Bomi Park



My Winter City
James Gladstone



Do I Have to Wear A Coat?
Rachel Isadora

Even More...

Spend your winter break with HPL:
hpl.ca/winter-break

Ring in the New Year a little early at Noon Year's Eve events:
hpl.ca/noon-years